



Gardner High School

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT March 2021

Here is an update from the month of February at Gardner High School:

- Congratulations to our February High Five Winners: Kaelyn McDermott, Jayla Prioleau, Mikayla Grabowski, Vincent Astuccio, Cade Celona and An Nguyen. All were recognized by their teachers for their hard work and dedication to their academics.
- In February we started our Weekly Wildcat Winners. Two teachers each week nominate a student to recognize, and the students are surprised at home on Wednesday's remote day with a visit from the nominating teacher, an administrator and a counselor. We coordinate the surprise visit with the parents and we come bearing gifts and take pictures to post on social media. It's been a huge success! The look on the students' faces when we pull up with a big banner is really great. The February winners are: Lydia Leblanc, Roberto Lopez, Giana Altieri, Jose Calcerrada and Pablo Calcerrada.
- We are very excited about the new sign for GHS and GMS at the end of Catherine Street. Thank you to the class of 2019 for donating the money for this great sign. (A plaque is being designed to be added to the sign signifying it was donated by the class of 2019.)
- We successfully tested half of our freshmen for the Biology MCAS in February. This was our first round of MCAS testing since the school closure last year. Testing went very smoothly, and almost all of our remote learners came in to complete their testing.
- We continue working on three potential grant opportunities for GHS: Round two of the Skills Capital Grant which would allow us to purchase more engineering and manufacturing equipment; the Mass Life Science Grant which would allow us to purchase science equipment for the middle and high schools and possibly build a curriculum bridging the two schools; and a Digital Literacy Grant which would allow for more computer programming at both the middle and high schools.
- Our basketball season finished in February and our football and indoor track seasons have begun. Thank you to Dan Forte for continuing to lead our athletic program through this difficult year and finding a way for our students-athletes to participate, if even on a limited basis.
- On February 10th we held our annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony in a virtual format. Seventeen students were inducted. We are very proud of their accomplishments, and they all deserve the recognition they have received.



Jose & Pablo Calcerrada with their parents and Mr. Tyros being recognized at their home as Weekly Wildcat Winners!



Giana Altieri with her parents and Ms. Leblanc & Ms. McSweeney being recognized at her home as a Weekly Wildcat Winner!

GHS Monthly Attendance Totals:

	All Grades	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
September	96.2%	97.5%	95.5%	93.8%	97.3%	96.9%
October	94%	95.3%	94.4%	92.5%	94.6%	93%
November	90.8%	92.5%	89%	88.8%	92%	91.7%
December	90.7%	91.7%	89.4%	89.9%	91.8%	90.6%
January	90.6%	93.7%	88.3%	86.9%	91.1%	92.8%
February	91.6%	93.1%	90.1%	89%	93.2%	92.8%

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